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Bainbridge Island Police to Participate in 2016 Special Olympics Torch Run

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (May, 2016) – The Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) is proud to participate once again in the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Kitsap County portion of the event begins at the BIPD station (625 Winslow Way) on Thursday, June 2, at 7 am and winds through Kitsap County for most of the day. BIPD will be joined by runners from the Suquamish Police Department, Poulsbo Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Bremerton Police Department and the Washington State Patrol.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to increase awareness of Special Olympics. He also saw it as an ideal way to involve local law enforcement personnel with the Special Olympics community. Thirty years later, that flicker has become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympic athletes worldwide.

This annual event is a favorite of the BIPD. According to Chief of Police Matthew Hamner, "We are always honored to participate in the annual Torch Run. It is a meaningful event that supports a worthy cause. Be sure to give us a wave or a beep if you pass by to show your support!"



For more information, visit <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

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